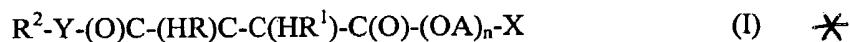


**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) An anionic surfactant of the formula (I):



wherein one of R and R<sup>1</sup> is a C<sub>6</sub> to C<sub>22</sub> linear or branched alkyl or alkenyl, and the other is hydrogen;

Y is O, or NH, or -NH-CH<sub>2</sub>-C(=CH<sub>2</sub>)-, or -N(CH<sub>2</sub>-CR<sup>3</sup>(=CH<sub>2</sub>))-CH<sub>2</sub>-C(=CH<sub>2</sub>)- where R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen or methyl;

when Y is O, R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen, or a salt, or a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>6</sub> linear or branched alkyl, or an optionally substituted C<sub>3</sub> to C<sub>10</sub> linear or branched alkenyl;

when Y is NH, or -NH-CH<sub>2</sub>-C(=CH<sub>2</sub>)-, or -N(CH<sub>2</sub>-CR<sup>3</sup>(=CH<sub>2</sub>))-CH<sub>2</sub>-C(=CH<sub>2</sub>)- where R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen or methyl, R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen or methyl;

OA is an oxyalkylene group;

n is 2 to 100; and

X is a group comprising at least one acidic H atom, or a salt thereof.

2. (Original) An anionic surfactant according to claim 1 wherein one of R and R<sup>1</sup> is a C<sub>12</sub> to C<sub>20</sub> alkenyl group.

3. (Currently amended) An anionic surfactant according to ~~either one of claims 1 and 2~~ claim 1 where n is in the range from 5 to 30.

4. (Currently amended) An anionic surfactant according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ claims claim 1 wherein X comprises at least one sulphur atom.

5. (Currently amended) An anionic surfactant according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ claims claim 1 wherein R<sup>2</sup> is a group of formula -CH<sub>2</sub>-C(=CH<sub>2</sub>)-R<sup>4</sup> where R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen

